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FOR DIRECTOR KEOGH FROM AUSTIN

E.O. 11652: GDS DECLAS 12/31/80

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR KEOGH'S VISIT TO BAHRAIN

FOLLOWING ALSO SENT DAKAR, ABU DHABI, BEIRUT, JIDDA, KUWAIT

USIS KUWAIT, RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRAMS IN BAHRAIN, HAS ASKED WHETHER YOU WILL WISH BE INTERVIEWED BY BAHRAINI PRESS DURING YOUR VISIT THERE. POST SUGGESTS INTERVIEW WOULD INCREASE IMPACT OF VISIT. MY SUGGESTION IS NEGATIVE RESPONSE, SINCE MOST LIKELY QUESTIONS WOULD BE (A) WHEN ARE WE OPENING POST IN BAHRAIN, AND (B) US MIDDLE EAST POLICY. SINCE WE HAVE NO PLANS OPEN POST IN BAHRAIN, AND ASSUME YOU DO NOT WISH GET INTO PUBLIC DISCUSSION POLITICAL QUESTIONS, THIS MIGHT PUT YOU IN SOMEWHAT AWKWARD POSITION. REQUEST YOUR REACTION BEFORE RESPONDING TO KUWAIT.
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